

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

SUBSISTENCE FISHERIES REGULATIONS FOR 2004

Alaska citizens and subsistence users are an integral part of the Federal regulatory process. Any person or group can submit proposals to change or improve Federal subsistence regulations, comment on proposals, and testify at meetings. The ten Regional Advisory Councils meet at least twice a year. By becoming involved in the process, subsistence users help us to more effectively manage subsistence activities and ensure consideration of traditional and local knowledge in subsistence management decisions.

Please use the form on this flier (or the format) to request changes to Federal regulations for the subsistence harvest of fish and shellfish on Federal public lands and waters for the 2004 Regulatory Year (from March 1, 2004, to February 28, 2005). **Proposals will be accepted from January 6, 2003 through March 28, 2003.** You may propose changes to harvest limits; Federal subsistence season dates; methods and means of harvest; or customary and traditional use determinations. For National Parks and National Monuments, individuals who live in resident zone communities (see 36 *CFR* 13.43) respectively for each park or monument and people who already hold a Section 13.44 subsistence use permit issued by the superintendent (see 36 *CFR* 13.44) may apply for an individual C & T use determination.

To submit your proposals: Email subsistence@fws.gov, fax (907) 786-3898, or mail to Office of Subsistence Management, 3601 C Street #1030, Anchorage, AK 99503. Electronic copies of this form are available on the Office of Subsistence Management Internet Home Page at <http://alaska.fws.gov/asm/home.html>.

For additional information, contact: The Federal Subsistence Board, Office of Subsistence Management, (800) 478-1456 or (907) 786-3888. TTY users may call through the Federal Relay Service (800) 877-8339.

2003 FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE FISHERIES PROPOSAL FORM

Proposed by:

Name: _____

Organization/Affiliation: _____

Mailing Address:

Daytime Phone: _____ Fax Number: _____

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PLEASE ANSWER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS THAT APPLY. (Attach additional sheets as necessary).

1. What are you proposing to change? *[Please include fishery/shellfish management area(s) and species, and, if possible, quote the current regulation. Identify if the change is for customary and traditional use determinations; or for changes in season, harvest limits, methods, etc.]*

2. How should the new regulation read? *[Write the regulation the way you would like to see it written.]*

3. Why should this change be made? *[Explain reasons for the change.]*

4. What impact will this change have on fish and shellfish populations?

5. How will this change affect subsistence users?

PLEASE ANSWER QUESTIONS 6-8 **ONLY** IF YOU ARE PROPOSING A CHANGE TO A CUSTOMARY AND TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATION.

6. Which communities have used this resource? When? *[Include time periods, if possible].*

7. Where has the resource been harvested? *[Include specific areas, if known.]*

8. When has the resource been harvested? *[What months or seasons does harvest occur?]*

Is there any additional information that supports your proposal? *[This might include current fish/shellfish population trends, how the fish/shellfish are processed, how resources are shared, what other resources are harvested by the communities, how knowledge of fish/shellfish is passed down, or any other information.]*